

General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 5986



Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. **34** File No. 83 Cal. No. 451

"AN ACT CONCERNING DISPENSATION AND COVERAGE OF A PRESCRIBED DRUG FOR A CHRONIC DISEASE DURING CERTAIN ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEWS, AND DECREASING THE TIME FRAMES FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Section 20-7f of the 2016 supplement to the general
- 4 statutes, as amended by section 11 of public act 15-146, is repealed and
- 5 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):
- 6 (a) For purposes of this section:
- 7 (1) "Request payment" includes, but is not limited to, submitting a
- 8 bill for services not actually owed or submitting for such services an
- 9 invoice or other communication detailing the cost of the services that is
- 10 not clearly marked with the phrase "This is not a bill".

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11 (2) "Health care provider" means a person licensed to provide health 12 care services under chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, chapters 375 to 383b, 13 inclusive, chapters 384a to 384c, inclusive, or chapter 400j.

- 14 (3) "Enrollee" means a person who has contracted for or who 15 participates in a health care plan for such enrollee or such enrollee's 16 eligible dependents.
- 17 (4) "Coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket 18 expense" means the portion of a charge for services covered by a health 19 care plan that, under the plan's terms, it is the obligation of the enrollee 20 to pay.
- (5) "Health care plan" has the same meaning as provided in 21 22 subsection (a) of section 38a-477aa.
- 23 (6) "Health carrier" has the same meaning as provided in subsection 24 (a) of section 38a-477aa.
- 25 (7) "Emergency services" has the same meaning as provided in 26 subsection (a) of section 38a-477aa.
- 27 (b) It shall be an unfair trade practice in violation of chapter 735a for 28 any health care provider to request payment from an enrollee, other 29 than a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket 30 expense, for (1) health care services or a facility fee, as defined in 31 section 19a-508c, covered under a health care plan, (2) emergency 32 services covered under a health care plan and rendered by an out-of-33 network health care provider, or (3) a surprise bill, as defined in 34 section 38a-477aa.
- 35 (c) It shall be an unfair trade practice in violation of chapter 735a for 36 any health care provider to report to a credit reporting agency an 37 enrollee's failure to pay a bill for the services, facility fee or surprise bill as set forth in subsection (b) of this section, when a health carrier has 39 primary responsibility for payment of such services, fees or bills.

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40 (d) A health care provider that requests payment from an enrollee SB 34 Amendment

41 for a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket

- 42 expense or for health care services rendered that are not covered under
- 43 <u>a health care plan shall include in any invoice or other communication</u>
- 44 detailing the cost of the services to an enrollee the following statement
- 45 <u>in not less than eighteen-point font: "THIS IS NOT A BILL UNLESS IT</u>
- 46 REFLECTS ADJUDICATION WITH YOUR HEALTH CARRIER,
- 47 WORKERS' COMPENSATION CARRIER AND/OR PROPERTY
- 48 CASUALTY CARRIER. DO NOT PAY UNLESS YOUR INSURANCE
- 49 PAYMENT IS REFLECTED ON THIS INVOICE.""

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	July 1, 2016	20-7f
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